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Vonnie Ryser, Chief  
Office of HIPAA Compliance  
California Department of Mental Health  
1600 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 150  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Ryser:

The State Department of Mental Health Letter No. 07-05, dated April 19, 2007, identified changes to the State's Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) system that impact claim payments. The letter included the State's effective dates for these changes. Counties were instructed to submit a compliance schedule for all changes where the State's deadlines will not be met. Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is unable to meet the effective dates for the following changes: Global Unique Identifier (GUID), Net Billed Calculation, National Provider Identifier (NPI), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Deny/Correct transaction, HIPAA Void/Replace transaction, discontinuation of proprietary format claims, and Explanation of Benefits (EOB) sunset. Therefore, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is submitting the attached HIPAA Compliance Plan to show its good faith effort to make these changes.

If you have any questions or concerns about the attached plan, please contact Robert Greenless, Ph.D., Chief Information Officer, at (213) 251-6481 or [rgreenless@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:rgreenless@dmh.lacounty.gov).

Sincerely,

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Director of Mental Health

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Attachment

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